

***THE ENLIGHT'NER***  
**August 2009 NEWSLETTER**  
**Majestic Glass Corvette Club**  
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Our club sponsor is: Jerry Smith Chevrolet – Buick, 12484 Reservation Road and Highway 20, Anacortes, WA 98221. (360) 293-5166.

Club Supporters are: Corvette Alley, 1103 – 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Anacortes, WA 98221. (360) 299-9303 and Village Pizza, 807 Commercial Ave., Anacortes, WA 98221. (360) 293-7847 or 293-8009.

**2008 CLUB OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT-----  
VICE-PRESIDENT-----LINDA GILBERT  
SECRETARY-----SANDY RUCH  
TREASURER-----DOUG GILBERT

**APPOINTED POSITIONS**

Activities-----All Members  
Web Master-----Bill Ruch  
Statistician-----Kevin Humann  
Car Shows-----Dave Overton  
Elections-----Betty Carey  
Newsletter Editor-----Sandy Ruch  
Membership-----Barbara Strowbridge  
Sergeant at Arms-----Skip Nelson  
PAO-----Bill Amman

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, Aug 11.** Club Meeting, Denny's, Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

**Tuesday, Aug 25.** Club Meeting. Village Pizza, Anacortes at 7:30 PM.

**Tuesday, Sep 8.** Club Meeting, Denny's, Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

**Tuesday, Sep 22.** Club Meeting. Village Pizza, Anacortes at 7:30 PM.

**ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**  
(Dates/Events are subject to change)

**Saturday, Aug 8.** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Shooter Party. Overnight at Mitchell's Camp Grounds

**Sunday, Aug 16.** Denny's Open Class Car Show

**Other Events**

**Saturday, Aug 15.** LaConner Classic Yacht & Car Show

**Saturday, Sep 12.** Arlington Drag Strip 6<sup>th</sup> annual Reunion and Car Show.

**Saturday & Sunday, Sep 12,13.** Oak Harbor airport, Classic Car show and fly-in.

**Sunday, Sep 13.** Sedro-Woolley Founder's day Car Show

## August Anniversaries

|    |  |
|----|--|
| 6  | Ron & Linda Telles, Charlie & Mona Brown |
| 9  | Marc Zahrt/Jackie Vannice                |
| 11 | Barney & Beki Killorin                   |
| 15 | Kevin & Cherie Cobley                    |
| 27 | John & Jackie Wolfe                      |
| ?? | Larry Kiger & Candi Rohr                 |

## August Birthdays

|    |                               |
|----|-------------------------------|
| 1  | Paige Wilson                  |
| 3  | Christie Bailey               |
| 5  | Harry Uncapher,<br>Bill Amman |
| 6  | Crystal Mudder                |
| 7  | Charlie Brown                 |
| 8  | John Wolfe                    |
| 10 | Joanne Olson, Rob Brown       |
| 17 | Dave Fikse                    |
| 22 | Carol Bowan, Barney Killorin  |
| 24 | Bill Strowbridge              |
| 27 | Kristi Angel                  |
| 30 | Jim Irwin                     |

## Minutes

### **MINUTES OF 9 June 09 MEETING AT Denny's**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President. Members in attendance were: (37) Lenny Angelo, Christie & Curt Bailey, Jack & Carol Bowen, Dick & Betty C

### **MINUTES OF 14 JUL 09 MEETING AT Denny's**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Vice President. Members in attendance were: (35), Bill Amman, Curt Bailey, Rob & Sherri Brown, Dick & Betty Carey, Frank DePuy, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Ann Humphreys, Sam Lovold, Dale McAtee, Jerry Miller, Ande & Lucy Mitchell, Dave Overton, Mel & Linda Paul, Bonnie & Bryan Pierson, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Sandy Ruch, Bill & Barb Strowbridge, Ron & Linda Telles, Wally & Jo VanDerToorn, Doug Wicksell Sr, Marc Zahrt.

The minutes of the 23 JUN 09 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report was presented

**OLD BUSINESS:** Membership: 81. Reading of Ron Foster's resignation as Club President. Photo presentation of Sternwheeler Days and 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Thanks to Dick Carey Report on 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Everyone had a good time. Report on Twin Cities Idlers car show in Stanwood. There were 500+ cars. Bryan Pierson won a trophy. Report on Lyman's car show. We had 2 trophy winners. Doug Gilbert and Ann Humphries. The Marine Corp League Benefit 26 July. Meet at PETCO 9:00am. We need lots of cars to show our support.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jerry Smith Car Show meet there at 7:00 am ready to work. Wear Yellow / Purple Tee shirts. There will be a vendor there selling breakfast and lunch. Linda bought supplies for our trailer. Shooter Party is 8 Aug. Bring your Dimes for a Dice & Dimes Tournament. Also bring Salads, Snacks, Sides and Deserts.  
**OTHER:** Carpenter Creek Winery Car show 11-3 July 18<sup>th</sup>. Corvettes Unlimited Mill Creek Car show 10-6 July 18<sup>th</sup>. Plant Farm Open Class, Smokey Point 9-3 July 18<sup>th</sup>. Classic outlaws LaConner Classic Car / Yacht 15 Aug. Sedro Woolley's Founders Day 13 Sep @ Riverfront park. Nostalgic Drags Sep 12. The next meeting will be at Village Pizza 28 July 09. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30

### **MINUTES OF 28 JUL 09 MEETING AT Village Pizza**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Vice President. Members in attendance were: (26), Bill & Karen Amman, Paul & Rissa Borgen, Dick & Betty Carey, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Ann Humphreys, John & Therese Kingsbury, Ande & Lucy Mitchell, Dave Overton, Mel & Linda Paul, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Sandy Ruch, Bill Strowbridge, Ron & Linda Telles. The minutes of the 14 JUL 09 meeting were reviewed and accepted with 1 correction. Treasurer's report was presented

**OLD BUSINESS:** Membership: 81. The cars were moved by club members the night before the Jerry Smith Car Show. It has been unanimously decided. Never again. Proceeds for all of our hard work was \$1,187.00 The Marine Corp Veteran's League function was a success. We showed up with 20 cars. It was very impressive. We presented them with a \$500.00 check.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Introductions were made to 2 perspective members. Bill S. can't remember who needed the longer watch band so if you are the one please let him know. Shooter Party is coming up. The theme will be 50's/60's

Linda got the parking situation settled for the Denny's show on 16 Aug so we are all set. The trailer will be parked behind Denny's. Denny's will present all participants with a 20% off coupon. We also received \$300.00 from Denny's for trophies and supporter status. Be at Denny's 7:00 am ready to work. Colors of the day are Purple/Yellow.

**OTHER:** LaConner Classic Car / Yacht 15 Aug. Meet at PETCO 9:00am. Sedro Woolley's Founders Day 13 Sep @ Riverfront park. Meet at PETCO 8:00am. Arlington Drag Strip Reunion 12 Sep The next meeting will be at Denny's 11 Aug 09. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30  
Dave Overton won "Joker Up"

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*Corvette History - August*

- **August 1, 1981:**

The last Corvette built in the St. Louis assembly plant rolls off the assembly line.



- **August 6, 2000:**

A Sports Car America Le Mans Series race is held at Mosport International Raceway, Bowmanville, Ontario. A Corvette C5-R driven by Ron Fellows and Andy Pilgrim finishes 2nd in GTS class, 0.353 seconds behind a Viper.

- **August 10, 1993:** The 1997 Corvette program begins Concept Alternatives Selection, in which virtually every part, procedure and design layout is presented, defended, and decided on. The program provisionally passes, pending a two-week review of some components.

- **August 20, 2000:** In Ste. Croix, Quebec, the Speed vision World Challenge, Round 5, is held. Bill Cooper takes 2nd place in a C5 Corvette. John Heinrich places 3rd, also racing a C5.

- **August 24, 1963:** The Corvette Grand Sport records its first victory, at Watkins Glen. Driver Richard Thompson achieves an overall win.

- **August 1958:** Sales of the 1958 model reach 9168 units, enough to turn a profit for the Corvette for the first time.

- **August 1985:** Chevrolet calls Reeves Callaway, ultimately resulting in Callaway building the Twin Turbo Corvette as a Chevrolet dealer option.

- **August 1998:** Dave Hill officially introduces the 1999 hardtop Corvette. Price is US\$38,777.

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### Frankly Speaking

Out last car show of the year is Sunday Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>. The club has had great success in the weather department and both club participation and number of cars at our shows. It looks like the weather will again be good for us for our last show at Denny's restaurant where the club holds our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month. Please plan to attend and help our club put on another excellent show. I have been seeing a mix of cars that the state patrol cavalry has been using to catch cars over the speed limit. Trucks, SUVs, etc. In this same vein, the sheriffs department in North Carolina has really stepped up to the plate as follows:

If you plan to outrun the law in Wake County, you'd better have a very, very fast car.

Or maybe a rocket.

Wake deputies have been spotted using a black Chevrolet Corvette Z06 to pull over speeders on Interstate 40. Among the fastest production cars in the world, the Z06 has a base sticker price of \$74,875 and a growling V8 racing engine that turns out 505 horsepower.

The car has a top track speed of 198 mph, according to Chevrolet.

Though the car has set tongues wagging among Triangle sports-car enthusiasts, Sheriff Donnie Harrison declined to talk about the Corvette on Monday or Tuesday.

County Manager David Cooke said that the Corvette was seized from a drug dealer but that he could provide no further information.

Gary Buchanan, a Raleigh resident who owns a 2007 Corvette, saw Wake deputies last week using the stealthy, unmarked Z06 to enforce the 65-mph speed limit on I-40 in Cary.

"It had blue lights in the back and blue lights in the front," Buchanan said. "It was the most amazing thing I've ever seen. Something like that is so extreme. I mean, if my wife was out driving and this thing came up behind her and the lights started going off, man, she'd be scared to death."

A Corvette connoisseur since seeing his first one in 1963, Buchanan said he was concerned about the safety and expense of using the car for law enforcement.

The special-high speed tires the Z06 requires have to be replaced every 10,000 miles and cost up to \$1,500 a set, he said. The vehicle handles poorly in wet or cold weather, he said, and he wondered how a deputy could use a stick shift and work the blue lights and radio all at the same time.

The car's wide, low-slung profile makes it nearly impossible to take off road, such as when crossing an interstate median.

"This thing is not cheap to operate," Buchanan said. "And Corvettes have to be driven by people who know what they're doing. Because if you don't, you can get into serious trouble real quick. The Z06 in particular is a pretty potent automobile."

Other North Carolina sheriff's departments have deployed flashy cars.

Former Davidson County Sheriff Gerald Hege had a black Chevrolet Impala SS with a painting of a black widow spider emblazoned on the side doors. Souped up by the same NASCAR shop that built Chevys for legendary racer Dale Earnhardt Sr., the government-owned car Hege drove had a Corvette engine and two tanks of nitrous oxide to boost its horsepower.

The "Spider Car" was sold at auction for \$32,000 in 2005, after Hege was removed from office and convicted on corruption charges.

In Forsyth County, former Sheriff Ron Barker bought several Camaro Z28s in 1999 for a special Highway Interdiction Team. Deputy Kevin Barker, the sheriff's grandson, soon totaled one of the \$21,000 sports cars while driving more than 100 mph during a chase.

The Wake Sheriff's Office refused to comment on how its Z06 will be used or who gets to drive it. Spokeswoman Phyllis Stephens said the car could not be photographed because the deputy it was assigned to was not on duty until today.

There are several photos of the sheriff's car posted on Internet sites run by Corvette enthusiasts, however.

Wake Commissioner Tony Gurley, who used to race Chevy stock cars, said he first heard about the Z06 being used by the sheriff's office while at a recent auto show. "I was looking at a Highway Patrol car, and a trooper told me about it," Gurley said. "He was jealous. I told him that I didn't remember voting on any funds to authorize that. I can't even afford one for myself."

Board Chairman Harold Webb wondered whether using a Corvette as a police cruiser sends the wrong message at a time when the Sheriff's Office and other county agencies are imposing deep budget cuts and layoffs.

"I hope he didn't use any stimulus money for this," Webb said.

This may be the sign of the future!!

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### Doctor Dictionary Word of the Day

#### **arcane \ar-KAYN\, adjective:**

Understood or known by only a few.

There are other arcane traditions that seem like superstitions to us, or, perhaps, are simply lost in translation. Some cyclists, for instance, believe that riders should shower instead of bathe because in some way water weight from baths is absorbed.

-- Allen Barra, "Tour de Lance", Wall Street Journal, July 28, 2009

While addressing a problem in the arcane field of mathematical logic, he imagined a machine that could mimic human reasoning.

-- Paul Gray, "Alan Turing", Time Pacific, March 29, 1999

Practitioners of this arcane art combine highly abstract mathematical deduction with some of the basic behavioral assumptions of micro-economics to produce theories of the behavior of voters, of representative assemblies, of bureaucracies, and even of courts.

-- Jerry L. Mashaw, Greed, Chaos, and Governance

Arcane comes from Latin arcanus, "shut, closed, secret, "from arca, "chest, box."

#### **aplomb \uh-PLOM\, noun:**

Assurance of manner or of action; self-possession; confidence; coolness.

Then, unexpectedly, she picked up a microphone and began to sing. She sang several songs, handling herself with the aplomb of a professional entertainer.

-- "Rediscovering Japanese Life at a Bike's Pace", New York Times, April 24, 1988

In the jostling hubbub of Tim Hammack's kitchen at the Bay Area Rescue Mission, a homeless shelter in an eddy of urban need, it is about taking life as it comes. It means embracing the unexpected arrival of 200 flats of donated organic strawberries, say, or 600 pounds of bologna with equal culinary aplomb.

-- Patricia Leigh Brown, "Finding Purpose in Serving the Needy, Not Just Haute Cuisine", New York Times, June 13, 2009

His initial broadcasting success was due at least as much to his considerable professional aplomb as it was to his father's broadcasting connections.

-- John A. Jackson, American Bandstand: Dick Clark and the Making of a Rock 'n' Roll Empire

Aplomb is from the French word meaning "perpendicularity, equilibrium, steadiness, assurance," from the Old French phrase a plomb, from a, "according to" (from Latin ad) + plomb, "lead weight" (from Latin plumbum, "lead").

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Bill Strowbridge  
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### **Sweet Potato Biscuits**

¾ C shortening  
1 t. sugar  
¼ t. salt  
2 C. mashed Sweet Potatoes (cooked)  
3C. flour

Work shortening, sugar & salt into potatoes; work in 2 ½ C. flour. Pat out dough using remaining ½ C flour. Cut & bake @ 450 deg. for 10-15 min.  
yield approx 3 dz.

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### **?????Trivia Question?????**

Which Independence Day was the first to celebrate with fireworks?

**Answer: 1777**

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